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The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel ranks top of mind and leads the lists

LEE COUNTY, FL – Boca Grande on Gasparilla Island and Bowman’s Beach on Sanibel Island, both located along southwest Florida’s Gulf Coast, are top of mind among visitors and have been named among the crème de la crème on recent ‘tops’ lists published by *Travel + Leisure* magazine and *ShermansTravel* Web site.

Boca Grande, located about 60 miles from Fort Myers, swept the charts. This secluded little town won top honors in *Travel + Leisure* magazine’s July 2009 issue. It is named as being among one of America’s Best Little Beach Towns and as one of America’s Best Summer Getaways 2009.

The magazine describes Boca Grande as “a genuine glimpse of Old Florida,” and goes on to note the fanciful street names, the “postcard-worthy” lighthouse and the beautiful beaches that can be found on the island.

Bowman’s Beach, located on Sanibel Island, is named among the Best Secluded Beaches by *ShermansTravel* Web site in an article posted June 2009. The article discusses the top places to travel this summer, naming Bowman’s Beach as “Sanibel’s most peaceful place.” It goes on to describe the seclusion of the beach and recommends it as a top place for shelling, as one won’t find much competition there.

“It’s quite an honor for our destination to be acknowledged by such prestigious publications,” said Suya Davenport, executive director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau.

Travel + Leisure magazine has a circulation of 975,505 and is among the top travel publications. *ShermansTravel* Web site hosts over four million subscribers each week and offers expert travel advice.

For detailed information on Florida’s unspoiled island sanctuary, call (800) 237-6444 or visit www.FortMyersSanibel.com.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: *The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel in southwest Florida includes: Sanibel Island, Captiva Island, Fort Myers Beach, Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Estero, Cape Coral, Pine Island, Boca Grande & Outer islands, North Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres.*